

In The Claims

With this amendment the claims are as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A label comprising
 - (a) a layer of water dispersible adhesive positioned for engagement with a surface of a container or other article;
 - (b) a carrier sheet having (i) a first surface overlying said layer of water dispersible adhesive and (ii) a second surface, said adhesive being of a type which, upon dispersion in water, does not form slurries or agglomerations which require filtering-off in order to recycle the water;
 - (c) a layer of pressure sensitive adhesive overlying said second surface; and
 - (d) a paper or plastic film layer having an inner surface overlying said layer of pressure sensitive adhesive and an outer surface for viewing, said paper or plastic film layer being non-soluble in water.
2. (Original) A label according to claim 1 further including a release layer releasably engaged to the opposite side of said layer of water dispersible adhesive from said carrier sheet, said release layer being removable from said layer of water dispersible adhesive prior to engaging said layer of water dispersible adhesive to said container.
3. (Original) A label according to claim 1 wherein said paper or plastic film layer is removably secured to said carrier sheet by said layer of pressure sensitive adhesive.

4. (Original) A label according to claim 1 wherein said carrier sheet is water permeable.

5. (Currently Amended) A method of recording usage of products contained in a container comprising the steps of

(a) affixing a label to a container holding or intended for holding said products, said label including

(i) a layer of water dispersible adhesive contacting said container said adhesive being of a type which, upon dispersion in water, does not form slurries or agglomerations which require filtering-off in order to recycle the water;

(ii) a carrier sheet having (i) a first surface overlying said layer of water dispersible adhesive and (ii) a second surface;

(iii) a layer of pressure sensitive adhesive overlying said second surface; and

(iv) a paper or plastic film layer having an inner surface overlying said layer of pressure sensitive adhesive and an outer surface, said plastic or film layer being non-soluble in water;

(b) removing said layer of pressure sensitive adhesive and said paper or plastic film layer from said carrier sheet; and

(c) applying water or a water based dispersion agent to said container to remove said layer of water dispersible adhesive and said carrier sheet from said container.

6. (Original) The method according to claim 5 further including the step of dispersing said water dispersible adhesive during step (c) to an extent that no particles of said water dispersible adhesive are visible to the human eye.

7. (Original) The method according to claim 5 further including the step of recording indicia on said paper or plastic film layer shortly before its removal from said carrier sheet.

8. (Original) The method according to claim 5 further including the step of recording indicia on said paper or plastic film layer after its removal from said carrier sheet.

9. (Original) The method according to claim 5 further including the steps of providing a release liner on the side of said layer of water dispersible adhesive opposite said carrier sheet and removing said release liner immediately prior to affixing said layer of water dispersible adhesive to said container.

10 – 15. (Canceled)

16. (Previously Presented) A label for affixing to a surface comprising

(a) a first layer for engagement to a surface, said first layer being an adhesive which is dispersible in water;

(b) a second layer which is non-soluble in water, said second layer being a member of the group consisting of paper, plastic film and non-woven fabric;

(c) a first release coating between said first layer and said second layer; and

(d) a second release coating on the opposite side of said second layer from said first release coating,

said first release coating requiring greater force for removing said

first layer from said second layer than the force required to remove the opposite side of said second layer from an adjacent adhesive layer.

17. (Original) A roll of labels for affixing to a surface, said labels comprising

(a) a first layer having a first side for engagement to said surface and a second side, said first layer being an adhesive which is dispersible in water;

(b) a second layer which is non-soluble in water, said second layer having an inner side and an outer side, said inner side adhered to said first layer second side, said second layer being a member of the group consisting of paper, plastic film and non-woven fabric; and

(c) a first release coating on either (i) the first side of said first layer or (ii) the outer side of said second layer, said first release coating being in contact with said first layer first side following formation of said roll, said first release coating permitting the unrolling of said roll without said first layer second side being pulled away from said second layer inner side.

18. (Previously Presented) A roll of labels for affixing to a surface, said labels comprising

(a) a first layer having a first side for engagement to said surface and a second side, said first layer being an adhesive which is dispersible in water;

(b) a second layer which is non-soluble in water, said second layer having an inner side and an outer side, said inner side adhered to said first layer second side, said second layer being a member of the group consisting of paper, plastic film and non-woven fabric;

(c) a first release coating on either (i) the first side of said first layer or (ii) the outer side of said second layer, said first release coating being in contact with said first layer first side following formation of said roll, said first release coating permitting the unrolling of said roll without said first layer second side being pulled away from said second layer inner side; and

(d) a second release coating between said first layer second side and said second layer inner side, said first release coating permitting unrolling disengagement of said second layer from said first layer first side without causing disengagement of said first layer second side from said second layer inner side.

19. (Original) A roll of labels according to claim 18 wherein said second release coating requires greater force to remove said first layer second side from said second layer inner side than said first release coating requires to remove said first layer first side from said second layer.

20. (Currently Amended) A method of recording usage of products contained in a container comprising the steps of

(a) providing a label having

(i) a layer of water dispersible adhesive, said adhesive being of a type which, upon dispersion in water, does not form slurries or agglomerations which require filtering-off in order to recycle the water,

(ii) a carrier sheet having a first surface overlying said layer of water dispersible adhesive

(iii) a paper or plastic film layer having an inner surface overlying said layer of ~~pressure sensitive~~ water dispersible adhesive and an outer surface, said plastic or film layer being non-soluble in water;

(iv) a release layer between said layer of water dispersible adhesive and said carrier sheet;

(b) removing said carrier sheet from said paper or plastic film layer and said layer of water dispersible adhesive;

(c) affixing said paper or plastic film layer to said container with said layer of water dispersible adhesive therebetween, and

(d) applying water or a water based dispersion agent to said surface to remove said layer of water dispersible adhesive and said paper or plastic film layer from said container.

21. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 20 further including the step of dispersing said water dispersible adhesive during step (d) to an extent that no particles of said water dispersible adhesive are visible to the human eye.

22. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim ~~20~~ 21 further including the step of recording indicia on said paper or plastic film

layer after its removal from said container.

23. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim ~~20~~ 21 further including the step of recording indicia on said paper or plastic film layer after its removal from said container.

24. (New) A roll of labels according to claim 17 wherein said first release coating has stronger release characteristics than said second release coating.

25. (New) A roll of labels according to claim 17 wherein said adhesive is of a type which, upon dispersion in water, does not form a slurry or agglomeration which requires filtering-off in order to recycle the water.

26. (New) A roll of labels according to claim 18 wherein said adhesive is of a type which, upon dispersion in water, does not form a slurry or agglomeration which requires filtering-off in order to recycle the water.